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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of provisions under Rule 6 of the Sikkim Private and Other Non-Forest Lands Tree Felling Rules, 2025, the Government of Sikkim hereby authorise/empower the following Forest Officers for the purpose of the said Rules.

1. Notified Authorised Forest Officer for trees posing immediate danger under Rule 5 (a):

S No	Forest Officer having the Territorial Jurisdiction	No of Tree/s empowered to approve for Marking/Removal
1	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	Any Number
2	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	Upto 25 Trees
3	Chief Conservator of Forests	Upto 15 Trees
4	Conservator of Forests	Upto 10 Trees
5	Divisional Forest Officer	Upto 5 Trees

A tree may be assessed as posing a threat to lives or property and is likely to cause damage if it falls, provided it meets one or more of the following conditions, namely;

i) When at least 50% of its roots are exposed due to soil erosion,

ii) When the lean of the tree is less than 60 degrees to a horizontal plane passing through its base,

iii) When tree stands on soil which is under mass movement,

iv) When the tree is decayed, dead or drying at the base.

2. Authorised Forest Officer for other trees under Rules 6 (1): Range Forest Officer having Territorial Jurisdiction.

3. Verification Forest Officer under Rule 6 (1): Block Officer or Forest Guard having Territorial Jurisdiction.

4. Empowered forest officers under Rule 6 (3): powers vested at various levels of forest officer are as follows.

S No	Designation of the Forest Officer having the Territorial Jurisdiction	No of Trees empowered to approve for Marking/Removal	
		For Firewood	For Timber
1	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	Any Number	Any Number
2	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	Upto 100 Trees	Up to 50 Trees
3	Chief Conservator of Forests	Upto 50 Trees	Upto 30 Trees
4	Conservator of Forests	Upto 30 Trees	Upto 20 Trees
5	Divisional Forest Officer	Upto 20 Trees	Upto 10 Trees
6	Assistant Conservator of Forests	Upto 10 Trees	Upto 5 Trees
7	Range Officer	Upto 5 Trees	Upto 2 Trees
8	Block Officer	Upto 2 Trees	Nil

Authorised Forest Officer under Rule 6 (6) for marking Tree/s: Block Officer or Head Forest Guard or Forest Guard having Territorial Jurisdiction

By Order,

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